

CONGRESSMAN TIM WALZ DISTRICT FUNDING REQUESTS FOR FY2010

For Fiscal Year 2010, Congressman Walz has requested funding for the following projects. As in previous years, Congressman Walz is making the process transparent. He is listing the potential recipient, potential recipient's address and amount requested for each project, as well as an explanation of the project and why it is a good use of taxpayer funds.

55th Street Expansion in Rochester - \$7 million

Recipient: Olmsted County

Address: Government Center, 151 4th Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904-3710

This funding would pay for final construction of a 1.9 mile expansion of 55th Street NW as a four-lane expressway to U.S. Hwy. 63, dramatically improving traffic flow and safety in northern Rochester, encouraging development and creating needed construction jobs.

Agricultural Products Utilization Institute - \$1 million

Recipient: Agricultural Utilization Research Institute

Address: Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, P.O. Box 599, Crookston, MN

This funding would support rural communities, helping to create rural jobs and reduce costs for consumers, by supporting the Institute's efforts to provide technical support and training to businesses who distribute food, feed and bio-based raw materials. This project, which will help food, feed or bio-based raw materials companies in southern Minnesotan expand and grow, has a research facility in Waseca.

Austin Wastewater Treatment Plant - \$3 million

Recipient: City of Austin

Address: 500 4th Avenue, NE, Austin, MN 55912

This project would fund an upgrade to Austin's Wastewater Treatment Facility, improving water quality, enabling Austin to comply with all federal and state standards and creating short-term construction jobs.

Bolder Options Rochester Office - \$250,000

Recipient: Bolder Options

Address: 2100 Stevens Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55411

This funding would help create a Bolder Options youth mentoring office in Rochester, providing high-quality mentoring services to troubled youth in southern Minnesota. This funding is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it helps keep youngsters out of trouble and saves the taxpayers money in our school districts, law enforcement and court system.

Byron High School Renewable Energy Source Project - \$350,000

Recipient: Byron School District

Address: 1887 2nd Avenue, NW, Byron, MN 55920

This funding would help the Byron School District construct a renewable energy source at Byron High School to offset a portion of the power normally purchased for the facility. The renewable energy source for the high school would be a hybrid system of wind and solar energy located on campus, which would reduce energy costs and provide an important research demonstration of the feasibility of renewable energy for other schools and businesses across the region.

Caledonia Sewer and Water Extension Project - \$626,000

Recipient: City of Caledonia

Address: 231 East Main Street, Caledonia, MN 55921

The funding would upgrade the existing water main to a ten-inch diameter and extend sanitary sewer laterals to existing and future development areas, improving fire protection and water quality and promoting future growth of the city, while also creating short-term construction jobs.

CR 12 Extension/Hwy 14 Interchange - \$4 million

Recipient: Blue Earth County

Address: 35 Map Drive, Mankato, MN 56001

This funding would support part of a longer-term project to extend Blue Earth County Road 12 to County Road 17, building a bridge over the DM&E railroad and creating a safe, separated-grade interchange with Hwy. 14. This project will create needed construction jobs and ease congestion and dramatically improve traffic flow in eastern Mankato.

Elgin Water Tower Refurbishing - \$82,500

Recipient: City of Elgin

Address: 35 E Main Street, Elgin, MN 55932

This project improves water quality in Elgin by refurbishing its water tower, giving Elgin citizens better drinking water and creating short-term jobs needed to refurbish the tower.

Goodview Radium Removal Project - \$3 million

Recipient: City of Goodview

Address: 4140 Fifth Street, Goodview, MN 55987

This funding would help the city of Goodview finance construction of two water filtration plants to remove radium from the City's municipal water supply to meet Environmental Protection Agency requirements. This funding is important because it ensures that Goodview citizens have access to a safe and healthy water supply.

Gundersen Lutheran Energy Smart Healthcare - \$1 million

Recipient: Gundersen Clinic Ltd.

Address: 1900 South Avenue, LaCrosse, WI 54601

This project will support Gundersen Lutheran's Energy Smart Healthcare project, which uses renewable energy technologies, like southern Minnesota wind energy, to produce as much power as their facilities use in a year. The project will help Gundersen achieve its goal of being completely powered by renewable energy by 2014. This project is an important use of taxpayer money because it will reduce energy consumption and health care costs at Gundersen Lutheran and it will provide an important demonstration project for other healthcare facilities on how to produce clean, renewable and efficient energy.

Hartland Water and Sewer Upgrade and Surface Repair - \$844,288

Recipient: City of Hartland

Address: P.O. Box 487, Hartland, MN 56042

This project funding will replace the deteriorated water and sewer infrastructure so that it meets the standards of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Department of Health. This project will improve water quality for the city while creating construction jobs and bringing business to the area.

Heart of New Ulm - \$2 million

Recipient: Allina Hospital and Clinics

Address: 2925 Chicago Avenue, MR 10805, Minneapolis, MN 55407

This funding will provide half of one year of programming for a 10-year research and demonstration project that aims to ultimately eliminate heart attacks in New Ulm through education and prevention

programs for New Ulm residents. This is important because it will help New Ulm citizens combat heart disease, which is a leading cause of death nationwide and a huge financial burden on our healthcare industry.

Highway 14 Upgrade, New Ulm to North Mankato - \$3 million

Recipient: MnDOT

Address: Transportation Building, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would pay for part of a project to expand Hwy. 14 from two to four lanes, between New Ulm and North Mankato, improving traffic flow and safety and creating needed construction jobs.

Highway. 14 Upgrade, North Mankato - \$4 million

Recipient: MnDOT

Address: Transportation Building, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would pay for part of a project to expand Hwy 14 from two to four lanes between Nicollet County Road 6 and Lookout Drive in Mankato, improving traffic flow and safety and creating important construction jobs.

Highway 14 Upgrade, Owatonna to Dodge Center - \$3 million

Recipient: MnDOT

Address: Transportation Building, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would pay for part of a project to expand Hwy. 14 from two to four lanes between Owatonna and Dodge Center, improving traffic flow and safety along the highway and creating needed construction jobs.

Highway 52 Interchange Between Pine Island and Oronoco - \$5 million

Recipient: Olmsted County

Address: Government Center, 151 4th Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904-3710

The funding would pay for design, environmental assessments and right-of-way acquisition, along with other planning costs, as part of a project to construct an interchange near Pine Island in Olmsted County on Hwy. 52. This project is important because it would improve traffic flow and safety on Hwy. 52 and encourage business development and long-term job creation at the proposed Elk Run biobusiness park.

Hokah Hazard Mitigation - \$1 million

Recipient: City of Hokah

Address: 102 Main Street, PO Box 311, Hokah, MN 55941

This funding would allow the purchase and removal of structures within the Hokah floodplain, helping taxpayers by reducing the potential damage of future floods and by creating short-term construction jobs.

Hormel Institute Expansion Project Phase II - \$5 million

Recipient: The Hormel Foundation

Address: 301 North Main Street, Austin, MN 55912

This project would fund the first year of a five-year construction project to build a three story building to house 40 new cancer research labs and create 300 new jobs in the long term. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help bring high paying jobs to the city of Austin and it will keep southern Minnesota at the forefront of cancer research worldwide.

Houston Flood Mitigation - \$800,000

Recipient: City of Houston

Address: 105 W. Maple Street, Houston, MN 55943

This funding would provide flood mitigation in Houston by improving stormwater channels, helping taxpayers by reducing the potential damage and safety hazards of future floods in Southeastern Minnesota and by creating construction jobs.

Kellogg Water Distribution System Improvements - \$294,663

Recipient: City of Kellogg

Address: 350 E. Belvidere Avenue, Kellogg, MN 55945

This funding improves water distribution in Kellogg by replacing the city's water mains, creating short-term jobs in Kellogg and providing a more reliable water supply for Kellogg.

Lake Winona Flood Control Project - \$1.6 million

Recipient: City of Winona

Address: 207 Lafayette Street, Winona, MN 55987

This funding would repair the flood control gates at Lake Winona and excavate the flood outlet, with constricts flow and drainage from Lake Winona, improving safety for Winona citizens and businesses and creating needed construction jobs.

Lewis and Clark Regional Water System - \$35 million

Recipient: Lewis and Clark Regional Water System

Address: 401 East 8th Street, Suite 306, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Centered in twenty communities in western Minnesota, northern Iowa, and eastern South Dakota, this pipeline provides treated water from the Missouri River to more than 300,000 people in three states. This area is so desperately short of water that there are restrictions on constructing new small business and residences; the pipeline will be essential to the economic viability of these small towns. Many of the communities involved have pre-paid the local share of the project, in order to keep inflationary costs at a minimum, and are waiting for the federal share.

Louisa Street Extension - \$3 million

Recipient: City of Winona

Address: 207 Lafayette Street, Winona, MN 55987

This funding would extend Louisa Street to Hwy. 61 in Winona, providing a new entrance to Winona and connecting Hwy. 61 directly to a new industrial park. This funding would help reduce traffic congestion, increase safety and create short-term construction jobs.

Madison Lake Municipal Well and Water Tower Construction - \$527,945

Recipient: City of Madison Lake

Address: 525 Main Street, Madison Lake, MN 56063

This project would fund construction of a new municipal well and water tower in Madison Lake. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it would improve water quality, provide more reliable and accessible water in case of a fire and create needed construction jobs.

Mankato Railroad Corridor Mitigation Plan - \$4 million

Recipient: City of Mankato

Address: 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56002

This funding would finish environment analysis and begin construction on 15 individual improvement projects along the DM&E and UP railroad lines through Mankato. This is an important project because it would ultimately increase safety and decrease noise pollution from freight rail trains coming through Mankato.

Mankato Transit Facility Relocation - \$5 million

Recipient: City of Mankato

Address: 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56002

Funding would complete design and construction on a new transit facility, serving as a bus garage, maintenance area, wash facility and office space and meeting the long-term transit needs of Mankato citizens. This funding is important because it would ensure the city can provide important transit services to its citizens and provide needed short-term construction jobs.

Medford Water Treatment Improvements - \$1,337,204

Recipient: City of Medford

Address: 408 Second Avenue, SE Medford, MN 55049

The city of Medford's water system currently exceeds the Primary Drinking Water Standard for radium. This project would fund the installation of a new water treatment facility to meet that standard, improving water quality and creating short-term construction jobs.

Minnesota National Guard Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program - \$2 million

Recipient: MN National Guard

Address: Veterans Service Building, 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would help support the MN Guard's nationally renowned reintegration program for service members returning from active duty. This is important because it provides our veterans, including many returning National Guard members from southern Minnesota, with the support they need and deserve to return to civilian life.

Minnesota National Guard Domestic Communications Platform - \$2.36 million

Recipient: MN National Guard

Address: Veterans Service Building, 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would provide the Guard with needed technological upgrades to better communicate during emergencies, such as floods or other natural disasters. This funding is important because it ensures citizens are receiving the best emergency response possible during any sort of domestic emergency. This helps the Guard respond to disasters like the 2007 floods in southeastern Minnesota, when the region's bluffs made communication difficult.

Minnesota National Guard Field Maintenance Facility - \$9,644,050

Recipient: MN National Guard

Address: Veterans Service Building, 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155

This project would fund construction of a specially designed Field Maintenance Facility in Mankato, MN to provide the Minnesota National Guard with a facility for the maintenance of 445 vehicles assigned to eleven separate units spread across southern Minnesota. It would consolidate two outdated maintenance facilities which do not meet the requirements for the equipment and fleet of vehicles of the Guard. An excellent use of taxpayer money, this project would create construction jobs and improve the Guard's ability to perform their duties and provide needed relief during natural disasters.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Veterans Re-Entry Program - \$2.3 million

Recipient: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Address: 30 E 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101

This funding will allow Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to bring more service members into the education system by supporting the transfer of credits from military to non-military educational institution. This is important because almost 80 percent of the 2,600 Minnesotans returning with the 1/34 Brigade Combat Team expressed an interest in beginning or returning to higher education and this program will help veterans transition back into civilian life more easily.

Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority Rehabilitation Project - \$1 million

Recipient: Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority

Address: 200 S. Mills St., PO Box 481, Redwood Falls, MN 56283

This funding would allow the MVRRA to continue its rehabilitation of 94 miles of track in southern Minnesota, improving track quality for agricultural shippers and producers across Minnesota and increasing safety along the line.

National Child Protection Training Center - \$3 million

Recipient: Winona State University

Address: P.O. Box 5838, 175 West Mark Street Winona, MN 55987

This funding would help support the center's task of providing top-notch child protection training to some 10,000 child protection professionals nationwide. This funding is important because it ensures our child protection professionals have the highest quality training available in order to provide better protection for America's children.

North Main Flood Control Project - \$2.25 million

Recipient: City of Austin

Address: 500 4th Avenue NE, Austin, MN 55912

This funding will support the construction of flood control projects in the North Main Street area of Austin, MN. It is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will reduce potential damages and safety risks during future floods in Austin and create short-term construction jobs.

Odin Wastewater Treatment System - \$1.185 million

Recipient: City of Odin

Address: P.O. Box 54, Odin, MN 56160

This project would fund construction of a new Wastewater Treatment System to comply with applicable state and federal laws, improving water quality and creating short-term construction jobs.

Rochester HESS Renewable Energy Microgrid Demonstration - \$4.5 million

Recipient: Rochester Public Utilities

Address: 4000 East River Road NE, Rochester, MN 55906

This project was developed through the cutting-edge research of the Hybrid Energy Systems Study (HESS), a partnership between the University of Minnesota – Rochester and Rochester Public Utilities that studied renewable energy technology that will revolutionize the way we power our homes and buildings. This project will fund a demonstration of their geothermal, solar and wind renewable energy technology on a 15 to 20 home microgrid. The project will construct renewable energy infrastructure at every home in a sub-development to show how communities can reduce summertime electrical demand by 40 to 50% and produce as much renewable energy as they use over the course of a year.

Rochester Transit Operations Center - \$5 million

Recipient: City of Rochester

Address: 201 4th Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904

This funding would help Rochester come close to completing construction of a 60-bus garage and transit operations center that will help Rochester meet the transit needs of its rapidly growing population and create needed construction jobs in Rochester.

Scoping Study/Environmental Impact Study of Hwy. 169 St. Peter Bypass - \$3.1 million

Recipient: MnDOT

Address: Transportation Building, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would complete a scoping study of an alternative route for Hwy. 169 through or around St. Peter. The project would be an initial step as a part of the broader project to build a bypass around St. Peter that would dramatically improve traffic flow and safety.

South Bend Township Sewer and Water Expansion - \$2.2 million

Recipient: South Bend Township

Address: 306 South McKenzie Street, Mankato, MN 56001

This funding would expand the availability of municipal water and sanitary sewers to existing hilltop businesses and homes located near the intersection of Blue Earth County Roads 33 and 69 just west of Mankato. This is important because it provides sewer service to 90 homes and businesses and increases on-site sewer compliance.

Soybean Genomics Research Center - \$200,000

Recipient: USDA Agricultural Research Service

Address: USDA Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, 540 Borlaug Hall, 1991 Upper Buford Circle, St. Paul, MN 55108

This project will fund research to improve the quality of oil and protein in soybeans, increasing farm income and spurring new rural development throughout southern Minnesota and rural America as more farmers are able to produce a better soybean crop.

Stables Area Subdivision - Sanitary Sewer, Watermain, and Storm Sewer Project - \$2,997,500

Recipient: Freeborn County

Address: 411 South Broadway Avenue, Albert Lea, MN 54601

This project funding would be used to construct a sanitary sewer lift station, trunk sewer line, trunk water line, storm sewer system and reconstruct the roadway in order to supply the Stables subdivision with sanitary sewer and watermain services. This will provide needed sewage services to sixty-one properties, encouraging new development and creating needed construction jobs.

Vernon Center Sewer Inflow & Infiltration Abatement Project - \$650,000

Recipient: City of Vernon Center

Address: P.O. Box 385, 101 Oak Street N, Vernon Center, MN 56090

This project will fund completion of the city's sanitary sewer collection system, reducing utility costs for Vernon Center residents and improving water quality in the regional watershed.

Wellcome Manor- \$1 million

Recipient: Wellcome Manor

Address: 114 West Pleasant Street, Garden City, MN 56304

This funding will support Wellcome Manor's substance abuse treatment services for women and families. This is important because Wellcome Manor helps women stay healthy and sober, find jobs within the community or continue their education.

Winona Street Repair Project - \$1 million

Recipient: City of Winona

Address: 207 Lafayette Street, Winona, MN 55987

This funding would repair and refurbish streets in the downtown Winona business district, improving safety, encouraging new business development and creating important short-term construction jobs.